

**MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

Members in Attendance: Beverley Bevilacqua , Cynthia DeAngelis, Kerrie Fallon, Susan James, Susan Savage Tenant

Members Absent: Patrick Quinn, Michael Rademacher, Maureen St. Hilaire

Others Present: Darcy Devney, Advocate, Jack Jones, ADA Coordinator, Ted Fields, Economic Development Coordinator

Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2016:

Cynthia DeAngelis made a motion to approve the December 2016 Meeting Minutes seconded by Susan James. SO VOTED

Meeting Minutes of January 2016:

Cynthia DeAngelis made a motion to approve the January 2016 Meeting Minutes seconded by Susan James. SO VOTED

Warrant Article Regarding Handicapped Parking:

Jack Jones said that the Warrant Article regarding handicapped parking submitted by the Commission was slightly modified by Doug Heim, Town Counsel, in order to make clear that if approved the Article will be a resolution and not a binding article. The Article was submitted for the purpose to generate discussion regarding the need for addition handicapped parking in Arlington's Business Districts. Cynthia asked how the Commission would make a decision as to the most appropriate location of additional handicapped parking spaces. Cynthia DeAngelis suggested that the best approach would be to walk the business districts and obtain opinions from business owners. Ted Fields suggested that an email announcement be sent to business's explaining what the Commission would like to accomplish. Darcy Devney said that the Selectmen will have the final decision as to the location of the handicapped spaces. Ted Fields said that he would be willing to send a letter drafted by the Commission to the three business districts that would be affected by the increase in handicapped parking spaces. Ted said that the Planning Department wants an unobstructed clear 48" path of travel for pedestrians to be consistent within a business block. The Planning Department would require that the path of travel would either be located next to the building or adjacent to the curb.

Curb Cut Ramp Project:

Jack Jones said that 61 curb cut ramps have been installed this Fiscal Year using CDBG funds that had been requested by the Commission. Additional curb cut ramps will be installed this spring using funding budgeted and received by Public Works. Kerrie Fallon suggested inviting Jenney Raitt, Director of Planning & Community Development, to an upcoming meeting.

Commission Membership:

Jack said that three people were interviewed for the Commission opening but that no decision had yet been made for filling the position.

Annual Report:

Jack distributed a copy of the Commission's 2015 Annual Report Submission.

Annual State House Legislative Reception sponsored by the ARC of Massachusetts and the Developmental Disabilities Council:

Jack said that the Legislative Reception would be held on March 9, 2016; from 10:30 AM thru 12:00 PM. Jack said that this year's legislators of the year to be honored at the reception are State Senator Joan Lovely from the Second Essex District and State Representative Ronald Mariano from the Third Norfolk District. Jack said that the Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council is an independent agency funded by the federal government working to help people with developmental disabilities enjoy full and productive lives, and that the ARC of Massachusetts' mission is to enhance the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Maureen, Cynthia, and Jack are planning to attend. Jack said that the Arlington Commission would be a co-sponsor at the Legislative Reception.

Other Business:

Susan James said that the True Story Theatre had four events scheduled between April 15th and May 25th. The Commission agreed that they would sponsor one of the events.

Adjournment:

The Meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.